the civic facilities and project infrastructures in keeping with public health require* ments. Emphasis has also been placed on disease surveillance undertaking preventive measures and establishment of early warning system.

Availability of medicines in Government Hospitals

2270. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL : Wi'l the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the patients are facinc a lot of inconvenience due to the non-availability of medicines even for ordinary dseases in the Government hospitals/centres in the country, particularly in the State of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to improve tfce situation:

(c) whether Government propose to seek the help of social workers for the distribution of medicines; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANK A-RANAND) : (a) There is no such report.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Grants provided *to* Gujarat for Family Welfare Programme

2271. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any grants-in-aid was provided to voluntary organisations in the Gujarat State under the Family Welfare Programme during the year 1992-93 and 1993-94 till date;

(b) if so. the details of the grants-in-akl provided to the State;

(c) whether the State Government ha[1]? utilised all the grants under the scheme; and

(d) if not. the reasons therfor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKA-RANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The assistance provided to the Voluntary Orgainsations in Gujarat S'.ute for approved Schemes of Department of Family Welfare is :

Year	Rupees
1992-93	58,50,200
1993-94	17,00,000
1994-95	11,00,000

(upto 31st July, 1994)

(c) and (d) Voluntary Organisations and the State Government have utilised all the grants except the funds released recently during 1994-95.

Setting up of an expert committee to examine anti-tobacco Legislation

2272. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased lo state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a demand or suggestion was made for setting up an expert Committee to examine the whole range of issues and consequences of anti-tobacco legislation; and

(b) whether Government are >jxaminin« tl»e suggestion for setting up an Fxpert Committee on anti-tobacco legislation?

THE MINISTER OF H&iLTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHAN KARANAND): (a) Such a suggestion has b?en made from time to time.

(b) Government had organised a National Conference on Tobacco on Health in July, 1991 in which represeotatives from various Government and Non-Government Oragnisations. Cigarette manufacturing companies, Tobacco growes. Economists, Educationists, Medical Scientists participated and all the Tobacto related issues were discussed.

Handling the unemployment due to anti-tobacco Iegis!s»f'on

2273. SHRI S. AUSTIN : Will the Min-'s-ter of HEALTH AND FAMILY WEL-FA RE be pleased to si ate :

(a) whether any surcharge or levy has been proposed on multi-national drug companies to finance welfare schemes and economic safety not for prospective unemployment amongst beedi and tobacco workers; and

(b) if so, details of statistics worked out to assist unemployed workers ad unemployment due to anti-tobacco and nt'-beedi legislation proposed by Ministry of Health and Famliy Welfare?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND. FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DR. C. STL VERA ^ : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

News-Hem regarding stress of ved'c teachings in health care

2274. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn lo a news-item publ'shed in